COVID-19 Donation from LG Arrives Soon in Indonesia

Jakarta, 4 April 2020 – LG fulfilled their promise to assist with the COVID-19 outbreak to the Indonesian government. A total of 50,000 PCR (polymerase chain reaction) diagnostic test kits are ready to be flown from South Korea and will be received by the Chairman of the Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) Bahlil Lahadalia on April 5, 2020.

This assistance is a donation from 4 (four) companies under LG Group, namely LG Electronics, LG Chem, LG Innotek, and LG International Indonesia. The statement was delivered by Lee Chang Hyun, President Director of LG International Indonesia, representing the four companies, through an official letter sent to the BKPM Chairman (29/3).

The PCR test will detect specific genetic material in the virus. The PCR method, often referred to as the swab test, uses fluid samples from the lower respiratory tract as a test. This test is performed by health workers by wiping the back of the throat. The results have higher accuracy than rapid tests.

"We hope that, with the contribution from LG Electronics, LG Chem, LG Innotek and LG International in the form of PCR Diagnostic Test Kits, we can help fight the outbreak of COVID-19 in our beloved Indonesia," said LG International Indonesia President Director Lee Chang Hyun.

At present positive cases of COVID-19 in Indonesia have reached almost 2,000. More massive testing efforts are needed to tackle this outbreak. Therefore, BKPM greatly appreciates the contribution made to the Indonesian people.

"This is a real form of caring from LG. Also, proof of brotherhood between Indonesia and South Korea. Thank you very much. We will distribute it soon, to be immediately used," said Tina Talisa, BKPM spokesperson.

LG is a business group from South Korea which has several business fields in Indonesia. Companies that have been operating for a long time include LG Electronics which has invested in Indonesia for around 30 years, LG Chem which has opened branches in Indonesia to conduct trading business in the field of petrochemicals, LG Innotek which manufactures digital tuners and electronic parts, and LG International Indonesia which is engaged in palm oil plantations, coal mining and renewable energy. Based on data from BKPM, South Korea’s investment in 2019 was ranked 7th with a total investment of US $ 1.07 billion. (*)

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